

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 919 – SB 844

March 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the position of Domestic Abuse Magistrate in Knox County and outlines the duties of such position. Requires the magistrate to be appointed by the Knox County Fourth Circuit Court judge. Outlines the process for appointment of a special, substitute, or temporary magistrate to carry out the duties of the Domestic Abuse Magistrate if the Domestic Abuse Magistrate is absent or unavailable. Authorizes the Domestic Abuse Magistrate to accept appointment by the deputy court clerk to serve as deputy to the criminal court clerk and by the Knox County Fourth Circuit Court judge to serve as a special master to the Fourth Circuit Court.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006288): Deletes language in the original bill that authorized the Domestic Abuse Magistrate to accept appointment by the deputy court clerk to serve as deputy to the criminal court clerk and require a deputy county clerk appointed as a domestic abuse magistrate to be compensated in an amount not less than the compensation previously received as deputy court clerk.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation requires the Knox County Domestic Abuse Magistrate to be at least 30 years old; a resident of Knox County; a licensed Tennessee attorney; and have served as a judicial commissioner or magistrate pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-1-111(a) for at least a four-year term prior to application.
- This legislation requires the Knox County Domestic Abuse Magistrate to be compensated from the Knox County general fund in an amount to be determined by the Knox County Commission.

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- Based on information provided by Knox County, an existing position will be transferred to the newly-created position of the Domestic Abuse Magistrate; therefore, any net impact on Knox County is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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